

A study done by RAND last year shows that kids this age often adopt the sexual behaviors and attitudes of their favorite TV characters. By glamorizing drug and alcohol abuse, sexual promiscuity and violent behavior, MTV lies to our kids. Instead of making them cool, MTV is often harming our kids.

Many say this is no big deal, but they are wrong. MTV reaches 73 percent of boys, 78 percent of girls ages 12 to 19. That is why this study and this report are so disturbing and so important.

IRAQ OIL PROCEEDS

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, prior to invading Iraq, looking for weapons of mass destruction, this administration looked the other way at illegal shipments of Iraqi oil to Jordan, Syria and Turkey, which earned at least \$8.5 billion for Saddam Hussein's regime. Now the administration cannot account for an additional \$9 billion from Iraqi oil proceeds which was supposed to go to help the Iraqi people.

While Congress busies itself about how \$2 billion was illegally diverted to Saddam from the U.N.'s Oil-For-Food Program, it would also be instructive to find out why it was apparently administration policy to let Saddam Hussein earn four times that amount through illegal oil shipments.

Before Congress gives another \$80 billion for the war in Iraq, the American people would find it instructive for Congress to ask what happened with the unaccounted-for \$9 billion which also came from Iraq oil proceeds.

Madam Speaker, before the war, Iraq was about oil. As the war continues, it is about billions in unaccounted-for oil revenues which the U.S. had custody of, responsibility for; and now nobody knows nothing.

MODERNIZING SOCIAL SECURITY

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, 1 week ago in this Chamber the President of the United States began a national conversation about modernizing Social Security. I think there are a few things every American needs to know about Social Security reform.

First and foremost, if you are over the age of 55, Social Security reform will not affect you.

Secondly, to every working family, small business and family farm, we will bring about this reform without raising payroll taxes on working Americans.

The third thing we need to know is, the current system cannot afford to pay promised benefits to younger workers, so we have to bring the new and powerful idea of personal retire-

ment accounts to give Americans the opportunity to make the same amount of dollars work harder for them in the future.

President Franklin Roosevelt, on January 17, 1935, said in a speech to Congress about Social Security that its second wave would be "compulsory, contributory annuities which in time will establish a self-supporting system for those now young and for future generations." President Roosevelt's vision for Social Security was right for the 20th century, and his second vision is right for the 21st.

\$750 BILLION "ROUNDING ERROR"

(Mr. EMANUEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. EMANUEL. Madam Speaker, we have all done it. We all make mistakes. They are unavoidable. Yesterday we learned that the White House budget made a tiny little mistake, a \$750 billion "rounding error."

According to the President's budget, the new Medicare prescription drug benefit is now going to cost the taxpayers \$1.2 trillion, not the \$400 billion they told us just last year. That is quite a difference from last year when the White House budget director, the man responsible for the money, assured everybody, "The Congressional Budget Office estimate for the prescription drug bill was and remains \$395 billion."

And lest we forget, last year during debate on the Medicare benefit, our distinguished colleague, the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Mrs. JOHNSON), chairman of a House subcommittee on Ways and Means, "I am pleased that the President has proposed to strengthen Medicare with a \$400 billion plan which adds prescription drug coverage."

Well, the joke is on the taxpayers and the senior citizens of America. Rather than funding \$400 billion, it is a \$1.2 trillion "rounding error." What is worse, this mammoth new program does nothing to reduce the cost of prescription drugs. We need reimportation legislation to deal with the affordability and cost of prescription drugs.

These are the same individuals who are now trying to sell Americans on their fix for Social Security.

SOCIAL SECURITY NEEDS BIPARTISAN REFORM

(Mr. KINGSTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, last week the Democrats booed when the President laid out his plan for Social Security. I promise one thing: I will not boo when and if they lay out their plan.

I welcome the Democrats' ideas on Social Security. I think it is very important to make a bipartisan reform.

We need to protect and preserve Social Security not just for the next election, but for the next generation. I beg my Democrat colleagues to put a plan on the table. We will not boo. We will look at it and take the best of your ideas and combine them with the best ideas of the Senate, the House and the White House.

We all seem to agree, in the year 2018, more money will be going out of the trust fund than is going in. We all agree in the year 2042, if we do not whack benefits 27 percent, the program will be going bankrupt. We all agree that in the 1950s, there were 16 workers for every one retiree, and today there are 3.3 workers for every retiree. And we all know this because the Democrats participate in the Federal Employee Thrift Savings accounts, which allow them to choose interest-earning accounts similar to the personal accounts the President has proposed.

Madam Speaker, I again ask the Democrats, Please put your ideas on the table; we will not boo.

HONORING RALPH LOPEZ

(Mr. CUELLAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many accomplishments of Ralph Lopez as the sheriff of Bexar County. Sheriff Lopez was reelected to serve the people of Bexar County for a fourth term this past November, 2004. He has dutifully served the people as sheriff since 1993, and continues to excel as one of Bexar County's most memorable sheriffs.

Before serving as sheriff, he was a decorated member of the San Antonio Police Department for 35 years, and was a cofounder of the Crime Stoppers Program in 1983.

While a member of the San Antonio Police Department, Sheriff Lopez worked towards receiving a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from St. Mary's University in San Antonio.

Since the early 1990s, Sheriff Lopez has received numerous awards, including the Outstanding Political Service Award from the Texas Public Workers Association in 1996 and the Barbara Jordan Award for Excellence in Public Service in 1995.

Along with his many accomplishments for the people of Bexar County, Sheriff Lopez has been married to his lovely wife, Nancy, for 46 years. I ask that we honor Sheriff Lopez, who exemplifies what is the best of San Antonio.

YUCCA MOUNTAIN PROJECT RIDDLED WITH PROBLEMS

(Ms. BERKLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BERKLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the